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This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of the claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): An electrically conducting carbon composite comprising a reducible organo-metallic complex dispersed or dissolved in a binder and a thin layer of conducting metallic material deposited on exterior surfaces of the composite.

Claim 2 (original): The electrically conducting carbon composite of claim 1 wherein the reducible organo-metallic complex comprises zinc, nickel, copper, silver, molybdenum, platinum or palladium.

Claim 3 (original): The electrically conducting carbon composite of claim 1 wherein the reducible organo-metallic complex comprises molybdenum.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A method for producing an electrically conducting carbon composite comprising dispersing or dissolving a reducible organo-metallic complex in a binder and metallizing exterior surfaces of the binder composite.

Claim 5 (withdrawn): The method of claim 4 wherein the reducible organo-metallic complex comprises zinc, nickel, copper, silver, molybdenum, platinum or palladium.

Claim 6 (withdrawn): The method of claim 4 wherein the reducible organo-metallic complex comprises molybdenum.

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Claim 7 (original): A fuel cell separator comprising  
the carbon composite of claim 1.